

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer

March 31, 2005

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to the Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 47, as introduced, La Suer. Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway. This measure would designate State Highway 78, between Third Street and State Highway 76, the Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Army Specialist Ramon Ojeda was killed in
2 action in Baghdad, Iraq on May 1, 2004, at the age of 22, when
3 his convoy was attacked by terrorists; and
4 WHEREAS, Ramon attended school in Ramona, California,
5 and is survived by his wife, Lesliee, who is serving in the United
6 States Army in Iraq, and by his 14-month-old son, Angel; and
7 WHEREAS, Ramon's father, Jack Ojeda, a Vietnam veteran,
8 met his mother, Maria, while serving in the United States Army;
9 and
10 WHEREAS, Ramon wrestled at Ramona High School and had
11 a "can do" spirit, and a remarkable ability to disarm and cheer up
12 others with his levity; and

1 WHEREAS, Specialist Ojeda joined the United States Army
2 and was assigned to Army 25th Infantry Division; and

3 WHEREAS, Specialist Ojeda was the first Ramona resident
4 killed in action in Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, Ramon traveled State Highway 78 every day to
6 school in Ramona, his family members and friends travel State
7 Highway 78 every day to work, and his parents and family still
8 live in the rural area east of Ramona; and

9 WHEREAS, Highway 78 should be renamed in Ramon's
10 honor and in honor of all of the men and women serving in the
11 United States Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, that the Legislature hereby designates State
14 Highway Route 78, between Third Street and State Highway 76,
15 the "Ramon Ojeda Memorial Highway;" and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
17 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
18 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
19 showing this special designation, and, upon receiving donations
20 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
21 be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit
23 copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and
24 to the author for appropriate distribution.